

College of Arts and Tourism

Third year students on the **BA in Visual Communications** as part of their **module Design for Print Media** worked on a **branding project with AMEN** to develop an awareness campaign for their services. Lecturers Brenda Dermody and Clare Bell have nominated a group of students to receive an award for the **‘Best use of visual communication design to promote social change’**. The students are Lauren Flynn, Joseph Egan, Michelle Geoghan, Alan Harbron, Ben Salveta, Deividas Dvyraitis, Barry McCabe and Orla Flanagan.

First year students on the **BA in Tourism Management** worked with **Whitefriar Aungier Community Council** in Dublin to produce a **themed video, a report and reflective document around the living culture and heritage of Aungier Street** as part of their **Heritage Culture and Tourism module**. Lecturer Catherine Gorman has selected a group of students to receive an award for their **‘Enthusiastic Approach, Excellent Engagement and Creativity’** on this project. The students are Milton Redmond, Vincenzo D’Auria, Marie Waldron and Lauren Duggen.

Catherine has nominated **Margaret Cooling, Brendan Dowling** and members of the Whitefriar Aungier Community for an award for their **‘Facilitating and Engaging in a Way which has a Lasting Impact on Tourism Students’**.

Second year students on the **B.Sc in Tourism Marketing** as part of their **Destination and Product Marketing Planning** module worked with the **County Wexford Age Equality Network** to develop and produce a **tourism marketing plan for Wexford Town**. Lecturer Catherine Gorman has selected a group of students to receive an award for their **‘Reflection Work on the Engagement Process with Members of the Age Equality’ Network** as part of this project. The students are Sarah Lawler and Rachel Lennon.

Catherine has nominated Sean Kinsella and Marie Louise Byrne from the **County Wexford Age Equality Network** for an award for **‘Facilitating and Engaging in a Positive and Helpful way with Tourism Students’** on this project, and Sean Kinsella will be picking up the award on their behalf.

3rd year students on the **BA in Fine Art** worked with primary school students from **five local DEIS schools** to design and produce a series of large scale paintings on hoarding for display in public places on site in DIT Grangegorman as part of their **Schools Hoarding module**. Their lecturer Tony Carroll has selected a group of students to receive an award for **‘forging links with local communities by making art fun for primary school students through the schools hoarding painting project’**. The students are; Fiona Darragh, John Holmes, Sarah Hyland-Pierce, Jacqueline Keane, Michael Mangan, Debbie McDermott, Niamh McGovern, Sarah O’Keeffe, Cosette Olohan and Caitlin Thomson.

College of Business:

Third year students on the **BSc in Business and Management** worked with a range of community partners on the **New Venture Creation** module to devise and run innovative fundraising and awareness-raising events. Lecturer Tom Cooney has selected a team of students who raised €3,500 for charity to receive an award in recognition for their '**outstanding organisation of a very successful fundraising charity event**'. The students are Colm Nolan, Becky Prendergast and Lauren Murphy.

Tom has nominated Patricia Townsend from **CARI (Children At Risk in Ireland)** for an award for their **Continued Support and Collaboration with the DIT College of Business for Over 20 years**.

One programme that runs across the **College of Business, the College of Engineering, and the College of Arts and Tourism** is the **BSc in Product Design**. On this programme, fourth year students taking the **Applied Medical Design** module worked with **Enable Ireland** staff and community members to design product concepts for disabled members of the community. Lecturer Bernard Timmins has selected a group of students to receive an award for their '**Outstanding Assistive Technology Concept Design on the Enable Ireland Project**'. The students are: Alyson Kearns, Lorcan O'Mahony, James Carty, Pauric Naughton, Rory O'Neill and Kathrina Robinson.

College of Engineering and Built Environment:

Second year students from the **B Eng in Electrical and Control Engineering** worked with children in the **Aisling Project Ballymun** and in **St. Michaels Parish youth project** in Inchore in Dublin 8 to teach them to design and programme lego robots to compete in the robosumo wrestling competition in DIT as part of their **robosumo module**. This project is coordinated by lecturers Gavin Duffy and John McGrory and they have selected all the participating students who took this option to receive a certificate for '**teaching children how to build and programme lego robots**'.

The student representing the group is Aisling Lee.

Second year students on the **B Eng Tech Sustainable Design in Electrical Services Engineering** programme as part of their **Professional Development and Key Skills 2 module** in small groups created 5-6 minute videos demonstrating an engineering concept to show how it applied in everyday life for an audience of second level students in collaboration with the **DIT Computer Learning in Communities** programme. Lecturer Leslie Shoemaker has selected a group of students to receive an award for their '**Effective Team Work**'. The students are Joe Cooke, Kwesi Fortune, Emmet O'Brien and Colm McCarthy.

First year students on the **B Eng Tech Sustainable Design in Electrical Services Engineering programme** as part of their **Professional Development and Key Skills 1 module** in small teams created, developed and ran a fundraiser event to raise money for **Irish charity Wells for Zoe to support their work in rural communities in Malawi**. Lecturer Leslie Shoemaker has nominated a group of students to receive an award for **‘The Most Ingenious Fundraiser’**. The students are Ronan Marah, Mark Burke, Aidan Tighe, Andrew Malone, Niall James and Edgar Tirmus.

Second year students on the **Higher Certificate in Electrical Services Engineering programme** taking the **Professional Development and Key Skills 1 module** in small groups created 5-6 minute videos, which demonstrated an engineering concept to show how it applied in everyday life for an audience of second level students, in collaboration with **DIT Computer Learning in Communities programme**. Lecturer Leslie Shoemaker has nominated a group of students to receive an award for their **‘Creative Innovation’** on this project. They students are Colin O’Neill, Sean Day and Niall Free.

Third year students on the **BE Manufacturing & Design Engineering programme**, on the **Design & Team Building module** partnered with the **LIFELINE project** to design and build bait-hives to capture swarming urban bees and raise public awareness of the importance of the bee for wellbeing and community. Lecturer Fionnuala Farrell has selected one group of students to receive an award for **‘Innovation, Design, Hardwork, and Teamwork’**. These students are Mark Nolan and Stephen Davis.

Masters students across two programmes including the **MSc in Sustainable Development** and **MSc in Local Development & Innovation** as part of the **Transport & Mobility module** collaborated with the **Northside Partnership as part of their Healthy Communities Project** to carry out an appraisal of walkability in a highly disadvantaged community in North-east Dublin. This module was supervised by lecturer Dave O’Connor and Dave has selected **Matthias Borscheid and Odran Reid** from the Northside partnership to receive an award for their **‘Excellent Integration of Northside Partnership’s Anti-poverty Values and Objectives with the DIT Student Learning Outcomes and Module’**.

College of Sciences and Health:

2nd year students on the **BSc in Medicinal Chemistry and Pharmaceutical Science** on the **Workplace Regulations & Community Based Learning module** prepared demonstrations and interactive ‘slice of science’ activities with primary school students in the **Aisling Project After School Programme** and in the **Primary school in Warrenmount**. Lecturers Vanessa Murphy, Patricia Ennis and Claire McDonnell have selected all the participating students to receive a certificate for their **‘Excellent Teamwork and Enthusiasm’** while delivering these interactive sessions with the children.

4th year students on the **BSc in Chemical Sciences with Medicinal Chemistry** worked with a range of **local organizations and SMEs** to carry out safety audits and risk assessments as part of their **Regulation and Chemical Control in the Workplace module**. Lecturer Patricia Ennis and Vanessa Murphy have selected Thomas Butler, Caoimhe Leahy, Diana Sadovskaite and Indre Sinkunaite to receive a group award for **‘best team work and presentation’** on the chemical risk assessment process.

4th year students on the **B.Sc in Forensic and Environmental Chemistry** also worked with a **range of local organizations and SMEs** to carry out safety audits and risk assessments as part of their **Chemical control and Environmental legislation module**. Lecturers Patricia Ennis and Anne Hopper have selected Damien Mooney, Ian Conroy, Aleksandra Tokarska and Niamh O’Shea to receive a group award for **‘Excellent Team Work and Report Writing Skills’**.

4th year students on the **BSc in Human Nutrition and Dietetics**, as part of the **Advanced Professional Studies module**, coordinated by Sheila Sugrue and Laura Mullaney, worked with **several local community groups to collaboratively identify a nutrition interest or need and undertake collaborative work to address it**. Sheila and Laura have selected the whole class group to receive certificates for their **‘Outstanding Teamwork and Outcomes with a range of Community Partners’** on this project.

Sheila and Laura have also nominated community partner **Carol Byrne and Breda Murphy** from **St. Michael’s Parish Youth project** for their **‘Enthusiastic support for the Students Learning with Communities project with Nutrition & Dietetics Students’**.

2nd year students as part of their **professional practice studies module**, also on the **BSc in Human Nutrition and Dietetics**, worked with older people in Dublin **to interview them about their diet history, develop evidence-based nutrition related educational materials, and provide dietary advice through individual consultations and group interactive presentations**. This project was supervised by lecturers Clare Corish, Dan McCartney and a postgraduate student and qualified dietician Carolina Bassul from Brazil who is doing work placement in DIT as a mandatory component of the Erasmus Mundus MSc in Food Science, Technology and Nutrition. Clare, Dan and Carolina have selected the whole 2nd year class group (including three visiting students from Purdue University in the US and one from the University of Navarra in Pamplona in Spain) to receive a Certificate for their **‘Outstanding teamwork in providing meaningful consultations and excellent interactive presentations to a group of older people’** on this project.

Clare, Dan and Carolina have also nominated community partner **Mary Reidy** from Dublin City Council to receive an award for her **‘Wholehearted Support for the Students Learning with Communities projects with Nutrition & Dietetics Students’**.

Second year students on the **BSc in Pharmaceutical Healthcare** as part of their **Introductory to Biochemistry** module worked with the **DIT Computers Learning in Communities programme** to develop and produce a range of science education resources in the form of videos to encourage users to engage with STEM, aimed at people interested in pursuing further education. Lecturer Barry Ryan has nominated a team of students to receive an award for the '**Most Innovative Approach**' to working on this project. The students are Olivia Smartt, Corry Nicholls, Orla Scully and Domhnall Feeley.

As part of their **Global Citizenship module**, First year students on the **BSc in Computer Science (International)** worked with the **DIT Computer Learning in Communities programme** to develop and produce an educational resource in the form of 5-6 minute video on topics related to global citizenship. The students created videos about aspects of Chinese and German culture aimed at inspiring people about who are thinking of pursuing further education. Lecturer Leslie Shoemaker has selected a group of students to receive an award for the '**Most Inspired Group**' project. The students are; Aman Singh, Ben Shanahan, Vardaan Sharma and Edel Kearney.

As part of their **Communications module**, First year students on the **BSc in Computer Science** worked with Irish charity **Wells for Zoe** to raise money to support their work with rural communities in Malawi. Students developed and ran fundraising and awareness-raising events. Lecturer Leslie Shoemaker has chosen a group of students to receive an award for demonstrating the '**Most Perseverance**' during this project. The students are: Conor Devilly, Ross Murphy, Connor Duignan, Ciarán Ó Nuallain, Andrew Leech and Seamus Timmons.

Leslie has also nominated **John and Mary Coyne** from the **Wells for Zoe** charity to receive an award their '**Enthusiastic Support for Students Learning with Communities projects with Computer Science and Electrical Engineering Students**'.

Students on the **MSc in Food Safety Management** taking the **Risk Management module** worked with staff in the **Carmichael Centre** to do a food safety audit of the centre's kitchen, and make recommendations on how food safety processes can be further improved, on a tight budget. Lecturer Greg Burke has selected the whole class group to receive certificates for their '**Teamwork**' with this Community Partner, the group unfortunately can't be here today as they have a lecturer scheduled, so we will send their certificates on.

Every two years we also embark on a process to select the community partners who will receive the DIT President's Community Fellowships. These Fellowships recognize the exceptional commitment of a small group of community partners who have been involved with this programme over several years, with students from several disciplines, and who contribute hugely to the work of DIT as a whole. This year our third set of

Community Fellows were conferred as part of the official DIT Graduations in February. We'll give them all a big round of applause after I have read out all their names, as they are:

Niamh Farrell– Amen

Carol Byrne – St Michael's Parish Youth Project, Inchicore

Breda Murphy - St Michael's Parish Youth Project, Inchicore

Mary and John Coyne – Wells For Zoe

Deirdre Malone– Irish Penal Reform Trust

Finally we would like to say thanks: -

- The biggest thanks goes to all our participating DIT colleagues, our community partners and our students, this programme exists because of what you are doing. Thanks for all your enthusiasm and hard work.
- For today's event, thanks to President Brian Norton for his ongoing support for the programme, and for speaking at our awards today, likewise to Dr Noel O'Connor, our Director of Student Services, for his committed support and for presenting the awards. Thanks to Dr Julie Bernard, our Manager of Access and Civic Engagement, for her speech, and for all her day-to-day encouragement and support this year. Thanks to all our colleagues in Access and Civic Engagement for their support, and to John Delap and Edel Kearney for helping out with registrations today.
- Thanks to Malachy and his team in Campbell catering and Pat Healy and his team of porters for setting up the room, and to Aidan Walsh for audio support.
- Thanks to Melda Slattery for her ongoing support, and to Sherine Short for the photography.
- Thanks to the Programme staff – to Catherine Bates for her continued enthusiasm, support and her fantastic work on and vision for the programme.
- We would like to thank our new intern James Kinsella for his work behind the scenes in preparation for today
- We would also like to thank all the members of our advisory board, who guide and assist us in our planning and work.
- We have to acknowledge the essential support from our funders. The Programme for Students Learning With Communities is funded by DIT, and also by EU research funding, as part of the PERARES project, a Framework 7 project funded by the European Commission.
- Lastly then, a special thanks to our guest speakers today, Niamh Farrell and Niamh Gaygan, call them up for a small gift.

Finally we would like to thank you all for coming, to make this such a special celebration. We hope you can stay with us now to enjoy some light refreshments and a chat.

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